GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:619
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2002
CURRICULUM WAR BETWEEN NHRC AND NCERT .
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in 'The Times of India' dated 2.2.2002 that there is an ongoing Curriculum War between NHRC and the NCERT;

(b) if so, facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether it is a fact that this is adversely affecting the quality of education; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken in the matter to bring this unholy war to an end?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): Government is aware of the news item. The National Human Rights Commission has issued a notice to NCERT on the complaints regarding revision of the National Curriculum Framework for School Education to change school textbooks. The submissions made in the petition are not based on facts. NCERT is taking appropriate action in the matter.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.